

AUTISM IDENTIFICATION ASSESSMENT TEAM

OUR WORK

AUTISM TEAM OF ALLEN COUNTY ESC

According to the recent study completed by United States Centers for Disease and Prevention (CDC), autism has increased 30% from 1 in 88 children to 1 in 68 children. Children are still being diagnosed too late. The earlier the child can be identified, the better the chances of overcoming the difficulties that come along with this disorder. Our team has been trained to identify students with Autism Spectrum Disorder through a research based process. Please contact our team or your district representative if you have concerns and suspect autism.

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Approximately 2 years ago, our Autism Team of Allen County ESC was developed in conjunction and coordination with the Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence (OCALI), the State Support Team Region 6 (SST6) and the Autism Society of Ohio. We attended various trainings and embarked on a journey to seek out needs related to autism spectrum disorder and to plan and coordinate solutions for improvement. Our team meets throughout the school year to determine districtwide needs, create goals, strategically plan action steps and implement and reflect on growth. Thus far, we have accomplished many goals.

We have provided professional development and resources to target needs. Outreach to local districts landed a new home for Great Day Academy autism classrooms. Thanks to Bath local schools, our students can enjoy interactions with typically developing students. Most recently, we developed an Autism Identification Assessment Team comprised of staff with expertise in various disciplines. The team attended a five day training presented by Ruth Aspy, PhD, sponsored by OCALI. The goal of the team is to have students identified with Autism early and provide them with assistance and programming immediately to assist with overall growth and development. Finally, we created a web page as a means to make connections with educators, families and community members throughout Allen County and surrounding areas.

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Our Mission Statement

The mission of our team is to seek out and analyze the needs related to autism spectrum disorder in schools, families, community agencies and organizations throughout Allen County. Furthermore, it is our intent and passion to use research based knowledge to plan and coordinate solutions for improvement. Our team creates goals, strategically plans action steps and implements and reflects on growth made. We are available for collaboration, consultation and support.

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SUPPORTS WE PROVIDE

- ❖ Provide links to resources to assist with specific child needs.
- ❖ Observations and consultation by team members.
- ❖ Help design structured environments to support positive behavior for children w/ASD.
- ❖ Develop sensory programming catered to specific needs of child.
- ❖ Develop behavior modification program to assist with difficult behaviors.
- ❖ Assist with developing strategies and programming to improve communication skills.
- ❖ Provide interventions and resources to enhance student social skills.
- ❖ Assist with visual strategies such as classroom/name schedules, task schedules, first/then schedules, social stories, etc.
- ❖ Assist as the child transitions from preschool to kindergarten and throughout his/her school-age years.

For further information related to support or assessment for students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), please contact us at:

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